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FM AMCONSUL CURACAO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2790

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FOR ARA/MGT/FM

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: AFSP, NA

SUBJECT: SCHEDULE V-REPRESENTATION ALLOWANCES

REFERENCE: STATE 181321

POST SCHEDULE V SUBMITTED UNDER A-20, JULY 6, 1976.

FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF SCHEDULE V AS PER REFTEL:

A. VOUCHERED OUT OF POCKET DOLS 273; TOTAL REQUESTED AMOUNT
FOR CURRENT YEAR DOLS 4700.

B. FUNCTIONAL DISTRIBUTION PRIOR CURRENT CURRENT
REPRESENTATIONAL ALLOWANCE YEAR YEAR YEAR
-- ACTUAL BASE REQUEST

STATE:

A. PROMOTION U.S. NATL. INTRS. 2042 1300 2000

B. PROTECTION U.S. CITZ. INTRS. ---- ---- ----

C. PROMOTION ECON. ACTIVITIES 459 200 400

D. TRADE PROMOTION 1645 1700 1900

E. COMMEMORATIVE AND CEREMON-

--- IAL REQUIREMENTS 254 400 400

--- TOTAL 4400 3600 4700

C. NARRATIVE JUSTIFICATION FOR INCREASE:

TRADE PROMOTION: THIS POST CONTINUES TO PLACE A HIGH
PRIORITY ON PROMOTION OF US EXPORTS. ATTEMPTS ARE CON-
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TINUOSLY MADE TO ENLARGE THE POTENTIAL USERS OF COMMERCIAL

SERVICES (TOPS AND ADS) AND THE POST S COMMERCIAL LIBRARY.

MOST COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY CENTERS IN CURACAO: NEVERTHELESS ATTEMPTS MUST BE MADE TO INTEREST BUSINESSMEN IN THE SMALLER, BUT STILL ACTIVE MARKETS ON THE OTHER ANTILLEAN ISLANDS. DESPITE THIS THE INCREASE FOR COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES WHICH WILL INCLUDE INTRODUCTION OF A NEW COMMERCIAL OFFICER DURING THIS PERIOD IS SLIGHT IN REAL TERMS. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PLANS FOOD EXHIBIT IN CURACAO AND ARUBA WHICH WILL ENTAIL ADDITIONAL TRADE PROMOTION EXPENDITURES BY PRINCIPAL OFFICER AND ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICER.

JUSTIFICATION OF INCREASE AFFECTING REPRESENTATION:

OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT STATISTICS GIVE A PRICE INCREASE OF 17 PERCENT FROM 1974 TO 1975 (JULY). THERE HAS BEEN NO LET UP IN THE RATE OF INFLATION AND IT IS WIDELY BELIEVED THAT THIS FIGURE IS UNDERSTATED. THE POST S REQUESTED INCREASE OF 10.38 PERCENT DURING THIS PERIOD REPRESENTS A DROP IN REAL TERMS. PROPOSED BI-CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION (NOV. 16, 1976) OF SALUTE BY ST. EUSTATIUS TO AMERICAN WARSHIP ANDREW DORIA, IN WHICH US NAVY WAR SHIPS AND HIGH RANKING USG PERSONNEL TAKING PART WILL REQUIRE ADDITIONAL SUBSTANTIAL REPRESENTATIONAL OUTLAYS IN ST. EUSTATIUS AND CURACAO.
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